

## Brevard Book Sale A Success



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Brevard Branch members Alma Spicer (left) and Betty Runion check out another satisfied customer at the Branch's 37th Annual Book Sale held in July at the Bashamer Gym of Brevard College. Husbands, seen waiting here to unload the 20,000 volumes of books for the Brevard Branch's annual Book Sale, were a big part of the success of the 37th annual event.

More than 600 people attended the opening night of Brevard Branch's 39th Annual Book Sale. More than 20,000 volumes had been collected and categorized by members beginning last February. A few new features were added this year. Bargain book bags were on sale throughout the event, rather than just the last day of the sale. Hours were extended until six o'clock each day. The four day event was held in the gym at Brevard College and grossed a record \$27,000 plus. Funds raised will be distributed among EF, LAF, and local scholarships and educational projects.

## Passing

Mr. Paul David Schickedantz, 74, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at his residence. He was the husband of Mary Fran Schickedantz, former AAUW NC president and member of Greensboro. Dr. Schickedantz was born in Columbus, Ohio, and lived in Greensboro since 1967. He graduated from Oberlin College and

received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He retired from Lorillard Tobacco Company as a research chemist in 1998 following 32 years of service. He was an active member of St. Francis Episcopal Church, 50-year member of American Chemical Society, member of Sigma XI, member of Leadership Greensboro Senior Class of 2001 and coached in Senior NET Program.

## Honor a Young Leader: 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adult Leadership Awards (YALA)

This annual award honors a young North Carolinian between the ages of 18 and 35, who has demonstrated leadership in improving the lives of North Carolinians, especially female. The areas of leadership considered for this award include the fields of community service, the arts, science, physical fitness, health care, family, education, business and the public arena. The award was established by Jan Proctor, a member of the Women's Forum, as a memorial to her son.

### How are people nominated?

On our web site ([www.womensforumnc.org](http://www.womensforumnc.org)) there is a printable form and complete directions on how to nominate a young person for this award. The YALA Committee publicizes the award to the community asking for nominees. If you have questions, please contact Mary Peterson (252-636-5074).

### How is the winner selected?

The applicant's are judged by a committee of three: (1) a member of the Women's Forum (2) a business/professional woman who is not a member of the Women's Forum and (3) the winner of the award from the previous year. This committee reads the applications (without names attached) and selects four nominees to interview. The Friday evening before the interviews, the committee members and judges and the finalists have an informal dinner together. On Saturday morning the judges interview each of the four nominees and then make their final selection. The Friday evening dinner and the interviews will be held in Raleigh. A room will be provided for finalists who have a traveling distance.

### The Award

The winner receives a \$500 award and a plaque. Even though only one finalist receives a cash award, both the winner and finalists become members of the Women's Forum for one year and are encouraged to participate in the Forum's meetings, mentoring program and other activities.

### Timetable

- Friday, Sept. 30 - Applications must be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed by this date to Mary Peterson, Committee Chair. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Friday, Oct. 7th - Applicants are notified if they are finalists. All nominators receive a letter thanking them for sponsoring a nominee for the award.
- Friday, Oct. 14 - Four finalists have dinner with the YALA committee and judges.
- Saturday, Oct. 15 - Finalists are interviewed by the judges. NOTE: The Saturday interview is a must attend; but an emergency can excuse attendance at the Friday dinner.
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - Women's Forum meeting to honor the recipients. All finalists and their nominators (one person) is invited to be a guest of the Forum at this event.

## Women in the Sciences: Left Out, Left Behind

From <http://www.womensprerogative.org/womeninsciences/index.cfm>

Throughout the country, women are under represented on university science, math and engineering faculties. In fact, a landmark report issued earlier this year by Dr. Donna Nelson shows that women are rare - and women of color all but invisible - in tenure and tenure-track positions in the top science departments. Now that school-specific data are available, you can find out how your school is doing and work for change. (National Women's Law Center and Women's Prerogative would like to thank the American Association of University Women for their partnership in distributing this important web site.)

## Democracy Summer Involves Young People

We hear a lot of talk about the need to get more young people involved in elections, voting, and civic life. Democracy North Carolina is trying to make that happen. Each summer for the past six years Democracy North Carolina has hired 10 college age youth who work with the organization in our efforts to pass meaningful election reform and voting rights legislation in North Carolina.

Through this program, called Democracy Summer, we've trained 60 young North Carolinians as advocates for social change, through real-world community organizing experience. This year we hired students who grew up in the Triangle and others who attend local universities such as UNC-Chapel Hill and Meredith College.

This summer the Democracy Summer students completed a survey of over 500 young North Carolinians and found that fewer than 2% of 18-24-year-olds in N.C. could correctly identify the state's 25-day deadline to register before an election. They also found that nearly 70% of the youth they polled who were not registered to vote in last November's election said that they would have been more likely to register if they could have registered up to and on Election Day.

### Financial Support of this Program

We are committed to hiring a diverse group of students, including people from different economic backgrounds. Therefore, Democracy North Carolina has given each student selected for the program a \$2000 stipend for taking part in Democracy Summer. Many of you have supported this program and we thank you for helping us to involve young people in the democracy movement in North Carolina. If you have not supported Democracy Summer or Democracy North Carolina this year, now is a great time to invest in this program and help us hire another 10 young people for next year's program. You can support this program by sending your tax deductible contribution: Make checks to Democracy North Carolina (Dem Sum), 105 West Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510.

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There are too few women on sciences faculties nationally. The absence of women on science faculties hurts everyone including female students, female professors, and universities themselves. You can help to reverse this trend at your school. Read more at the website.

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## Proposed Nutrition Research Zone Includes Opportunity for Girls

The August 9 *Charlotte Observer* reported that David Murdock, who owns Dole Foods, Inc., has plans for a "biotechnology complex focusing on his passion for health and nutrition." Murdock owns the facilities once used by Pillowtex in Kannapolis. Part of his plan includes a math and science high school for girls only.

## Girls Only Computer Science Course Featured

A recent *Raleigh News and Observer* had a front page story on the NC School of Science and Math offering a girls' only computer science course: <http://www.newsobserver.com/print/thursday/front/story/2731521p-9169012c.html>

Nancy Shoemaker notes this touches on AAUW mission by addressing the problem (from the point of view, say, of Women at Work). She was especially interested in "why girls don't choose such classes (e.g. comment about the girl who only saw the point when she needed to do a web site fits in well with the recommendations of Tech-Savvy)."

## Town Hall Meeting on Health Care Quality - Sept. 15, 2005

Sponsored by UNC Health Care <http://www.unchealthcare.org/> and the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <http://www.ahrq.gov/> (AHRQ), the purpose of the meeting is to educate consumers about the quality of care they receive. This interactive discussion between consumers and health care quality experts is intended to provide basic information for consumers so they can ask the right questions and make good decisions about the quality of their health care.

The event will be held on the morning of Thursday, September 15, at the Friday Center <http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/> on the UNC campus in Chapel Hill. It is the first of three national Town Hall events. Featured speakers include:

- William Roper, MD, Chief Executive Officer, UNC Health Care and Dean, UNC School of Medicine
  - Carolyn Clancy, MD, Director of AHRQ
  - Trudy Lieberman, Director, Center for Consumer Health Choices, Consumers Union
  - Representatives of quality improvement efforts underway in North Carolina today
- Spaces were to be reserved by August 1, but you may try e-mailing [rsup@ahrqtownhallinc.com](mailto:rsup@ahrqtownhallinc.com) or call 919.882.1992 to check for openings.